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ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST JUDGING THIS FRIDAY

Works of art from hundreds of Utah elementary school students will undergo scrutiny of judges this Friday, March 31, 2006 at the Department of Natural Resources, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. The artwork is entered each year in Utah's Arbor Day Poster contest sponsored by the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands and the National Arbor Day Foundation. Setup begins early morning and judging officially gets underway at 1:00 p.m.

Chosen from the group is a statewide grand prize winner, as well as state winners from kindergarten through 6th grade and one special education winner. Winning artists receive their prizes during the annual State Arbor Day celebration that will be held at Red Butte Gardens on April 29, 2006.

The theme of this year's contest is "Trees are Terrific...in All Shapes and Sizes!" The posters are judged according to how well the student has used the theme in the poster, design, originality, composition, color and technique, and suitability of the poster for reproduction. The grand prize winner is professionally printed and distributed statewide.

"The poster contest teaches children the importance of trees in our lives," notes Utah Arbor Day Committee Chairman Dave Grierson. "It also provides educators with teaching materials about trees and their value in our environment, and recognizes children's creativity and shows them how they can help the environment."

The state grand prize winner is awarded a \$100 Savings Bond; state first place winners receive \$75 Savings Bonds; regional first place winners are presented with \$50 Savings Bonds; and the schools of the four regional winners receive a \$1000 cash award.

For additional information concerning Arbor Day, or other programs administered by the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, check out our website at www.ffsl.utah.gov.

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